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THIS is not my church.
The incense that fills this Temple
Was lighted by Jewish hands.

The people who worship are dark-skinned,
Foreign to my Scandinavian blondness.

Thorvaldsen's "Christ" (and mine) is not at the altar;
Instead there is an ark which holds a purple-covered Scroll.

Even the squares of blue and red
In the stained windows of this City Temple,
Are deeper than those of my country church.

And yet—
The Light which shines through them
Is neither Jewish nor Christian;
It is of no sect;
Its name is
Religion.

